His practice grew and flourished over four decades. His patients credit him with the old-fashioned virtue of patience and say he is always willing to spend extra time caring for them. He believes in giving back and is active in the community as a civil rights leader and as a volunteer athletic doctor for Jefferson High School.

Percy Harris's life is a list of firsts. He was the first African-American to hold an internship at St. Luke's Hospital in Cedar Rapids. He served as Linn County, Iowa's first and only medical examiner. In 1977. Governor Robert Ray appointed him to the Iowa Board of Regents where he served two terms as the Board's first African-American member.

Dr. Harris encountered adversity along the way, but he chose to view it as a challenge rather than an obstacle. In 1961, he and his wife, Lileah, decided to build a home for their growing family. They set their sights on a piece of property in one of Cedar Rapids' all white neighborhoods. The neighbors were up in arms, but Percy and Lileah Harris persisted and eventually purchased the property in a dispute that gained national attention. They built their family home on the property and raised 12 fine children, all of whom are now grown and successful in their own right.

Mr. President, Dr. Harris is one in a long American tradition of medical practitioners who put patients before profits, who lead by example, and who dedicate themselves to the well-being of humankind, from their community to their nation. I congratulate him on his many achievements and wish him well in all future endeavors. I know wherever he chooses to put his many talents, he will leave his mark.

IN HONOR OF TED WINTER'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

• Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President. I speak today to recognize a very special Minnesotan. Ted Winter will be celebrating his 50th birthday the day after Thanksgiving. Friends and family will be gathering at the American Legion in Fulda, Minnesota, to honor this very good and decent man.

It is very appropriate that this year his birthday falls so close to Thanksgiving because as a Minnesotan I am very thankful that Ted so ably represents the people of Southwestern Minnesota in the State Legislature; I am thankful that Ted continues to be a strong voice for those struggling to maintain their family farms; I am thankful that Ted struggles daily to ensure the vitality of our rural communities and that he is committed to a vision of Minnesota that is rich and diverse.

In the last few years, Ted has been the driving force behind uniting Midwest State Legislators in calling for a change in federal farm policy. He has been central in calling attention to the devastating effect the concentration of power in agriculture is having on family farmers. Day in and day out, Ted spends time away from his own farm to work with farm organizations and other farmers to come up with ways that family farmers can survive to farm another day. He drives throughout the state to make sure that any meeting discussing the future of Minnesota includes a discussion about the future of family farms and rural communities.

I am pleased to be able to speak today to honor my friend, Ted Winter.

HONORING KAREN LEACH

• Mr. REED. Mr. President, I rise today to honor an outstanding individual who has dedicated her life to the education of our young people. Karen Leach of Johnston, Rhode Island, is retiring from the Providence School Department after nearly thirty years of dedicated service.

Since Karen graduated from Rhode Island College in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education, she has received Masters of Education Degrees in both Elementary Education and in Administration for Elementary and Middle Schools. She has also furthered her professional development by achieving certification in many areas.

The capital of Rhode Island, Providence is at the heart of our state's urban center and during her career, Karen has been assigned to several

schools in the District. Karen began her long and accomplished career as a teacher and dedicated her efforts toward Special Education. During her tenure, the field of education has seen tremendous change—from curriculum. to technology, to teaching methods to administrative practices. Throughout nearly three decades of service. Karen has brought efficiency. expertise and professionalism to her many challenging assignments.

In 1988, Karen was named Supervisor of Elementary/Pre-School Education for the Providence School Department and in 1992, she became Principal of the Sackett Street Elementary School and the Reservoir Avenue Elementary School. Since the 1992-1993 school year, she has been Principal of the Sackett Street Elementary School and she is retiring from her present administration position as Interim Acting Superintendent of Teaching and Learning.

Karen Leach is a person of great integrity, compassion and initiative. She is accomplished and well respected for her many contributions to the Providence School System. She has made a positive impact on the quality of education, and in the lives of students, especially those with special needs. Most recently, Karen's leadership as a Principal and as an Administrator has left a lasting mark on the City of Providence.

So many young people have had their lives enriched by one person's efforts. Karen Leach's commitment and her tangible accomplishments clearly demonstrate that an investment in education is indeed an investment in the future.

Mr. President, I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Karen Leach for her commitment to educational excellence and for her efforts to improve the overall quality of our education system. Indeed, she has made a tremendous difference in the lives of her students. As Karen Leach leaves the Providence School Department, she plans to continue as a professional educational consultant. I wish her well and remain confident that we will hear more news of this outstanding educator's good works.

FOREIGN CURRENCY REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following report(s) of standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE. UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per o	diem	Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Edward Barron: Italy Croatia Macedonia Italy France	Lira	2,163,819	1,169.00 548.00 175.00 516.00	938,500	4,238.15			938,500	5,407.15 548.00 175.00 507.02 516.00
Total			2,408.00		4.745.17				7,153.17

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per o	liem	Transpo	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Total	
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
nator Patrick J. Leahy:									
Italy	Lira	1,515,897	839.00					1,515,897	839.00
Macedonia	Dollar		175.00						175.00
Croatia	Dollar		548.00						548.00
United States	Dollar				3,642.85				3,642.85
m Rieser:									
Macedonia	Dollar		175.00						175.00
Croatia	Dollar		248.00						248.00
United States	Dollar				2.151.00				2,151.00
nator Ted Stevens:									,
Russia	Dollar		450.00						450.00
United States	Dollar				11.258.84				11.258.84
eve Cortese:					11,200.01				11,200.0
Russia	Dollar		450.00						450.00
United States	Dollar				5,993.84				5,993.84
nnifer Chartrand:	Dollar				0,550.04				0,550.0-
Russia	Dollar		450.00						450.00
United States	Dollar		400.00		5,993.84				5,993.84
hn Young:	Dollar				3,333.04				3,333.0
Papua New Guinea	Dollar		136.00						136.00
Indonesia	Dollar		466.00						466.00
Singapore	Dollar		254.00						254.00
			498.00						498.00
Thailand	Dollar		200.00						200.00
Cambodia	Dollar								556.00
Vietnam	Dollar		556.00						
Burma	Dollar		292.00						292.00
Laos	Dollar		250.00						250.00
Philippines	Dollar		488.00						488.00
bin Cleveland:									
Italy	Dollar		300.00						300.00
Serbia	Dollar		300.00						300.00
	Dollar		300.00						300.00
Macedonia	Dollar		000.00						000.00

TED STEVENS, Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Oct. 25, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscel	laneous	Tot	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Genator Jeff Sessions:									
Macedonia	Dollar		291.00						291.0
David S. Lyles:									
Macedonia	Dollar		121.50						121.5
Richard D. DeBobes:									
Macedonia	Dollar		121.50						121.5
oseph T. Sixeas:									
Macedonia	Dollar		121.50						121.5
Senator Carl Levin:									
Macedonia	Dollar		233.50						233.5
Senator Jack Reed:									
Macedonia	Dollar		271.50						271.5
ason Matthews:									
Romania	Dollar		849.00						849.0
Senator Mary Landrieu:									
Macedonia	Dollar		264.25						264.2
Romania			225.00						225.0
oan V. Grimson:									
Russia	Dollar		1.905.00						1.905.0
Sweden			246.00						246.0
Senator Jack Reed:									
Indonesia	Dollar		184.00						184.0
United States			101.00		4.342.08				4.342.0
lizabeth L. King:					4,042.00				4,042.0
Indonesia	Dollar		162.00						162.0
United States			102.00		4.137.08				4.137.0
Cord A. Sterling:	Dullai				4,137.00				4,137.0
Ecuador	Dollar		407.00						407.0
Colombia			647.00						647.0
			819.00			•••••	••••••		819.0
Peru			619.00		1.758.40				
United States	Dollar				1,/56.40	•••••			1,758.4
Romie L Brownlee:	D II				0.110.40				0.110.4
United States			050.00		2,110.40		00.50		2,110.4
Colombia	Dollar		259.00				22.50		281.5
dward H. Edens IV:	5.11		22.50						007.0
Colombia			267.00						267.0
United States	Dollar				2,110.40				2,110.4
Total			7,394.75		14.458.36		22.50		21.875.6

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING, AND URBAN AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per o	liem	Transp	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Senator Phil Gramm:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		208.29						208.29
Senator Richard Shelby:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		241.05						241.05
enator Robert Bennett:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		200.10						200.10
Senator Mike Crapo:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		208.29						208.29
enator Evan Bayh:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		200.10						200.10
ames Jochum:									
South Korea	Won		594.00						594.00
China	Yuan		514.00						514.00
Japan	Yen		234.15						234.15
enator Evan Bayh:									
Portugal	Escudo		837.00		4,084.00				4,921.00
Total			8.776.98		4.084.00				12.860.98

PHIL GRAMM, Chairman, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs,

Oct. 21, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Alice Grant: Italy Serbia Commercial airfare	Lira	1,217,000	660.00 338.00		5,164.98			1,217,000	660.00 338.00 5,164.98
Total			998.00		5,164.98				6,162.98

PETE V. DOMENICI, Chairman, Committee on the Budget, Sept. 30, 1999.

AMENDMENT TO 3RD QUARTER 1998 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1998

		Per o	liem	Transportation		Miscellaneous		Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
lan J. Brzezinski:									
Jordan	Dinar		829.00						829.00
Turkey	Lira		452.00						452.00
	Som		558.00						558.00
Mongolia	Tughrik		354.00						354.00
China	Yuan		552.00						552.00
Korea	Won		524.00						524.00
Total			3,269.00						3,629.00

WILLIAM V. ROTH, Jr., Chairman, Committee on Finance, Sept. 9, 1999. CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per	diem		oortation	IVIISCEI	llaneous		ital
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dol equivale or U.S currend
nator Joseph Biden:	Deller		100.00				E A OE		22/
Serbia			180.00 207.00				54.25		234 207
Bulgaria									182
Romania	Dollar		204.00						204
United States	Dollar				5,822.74				5,822
ator Paul Coverdell:									
Colombia	Dollar		486.00						486
ator Chuck Hagel: China	Dollar		514.00		332.00				846
Vietnam			1.112.00		176.00				1,288
Thailand									398
Singapore			204.00						20
United States	Dollar				4,867.00				4,86
ator Robert Torricelli:	Dollar		761.00						76
North Korea									50
United States					6,770.40				6,77
Albert:	-				-,				-,
Colombia	Dollar		486.00						48
shall Billingslea:									
Austria			216.00						21
Czech Republic									
Italy			802.00 264.00						80 26
Netherlands United States			204.00		5,202.75				5,20
es Doran:					5,202.73	***************************************			3,21
Thailand			996.00						99
Cambodia			472.00						47
Laos	Dollar								12
United States	Dollar				4,857.40				4,85
bie Fiddelke:	Deller		2.224.00		170.00				2.40
Vietnam United States			2,224.00		176.00 6,415.00				2,40 6,41
office States	Dollai		***************************************		0,413.00				0,41
Italy	Dollar		380.00						38
Egypt			800.00						80
Macedonia									1,02
Serbia	Dollar		700.00						70
United States	Dollar				6,755.81				6,75
vin_Hall:									
Serbia			61.00				54.25		11
Bosnia									17 23
Bulgaria Romania									24
United States			244.00		4,093.74				4,09
hael Haltzel:	-				.,				.,
Romania			40.00						L
Croatia			334.00						3;
Bosnia			702.00		E E14 70				7(
United States			71.00		5,514.70		E 4 O E		5,5 1:
Bosnia									4.
Bulgaria									1
Romania			186.00						1
United States					4,093.74				4,0
ık Jannuzi:									
Hong Kong			1,735.00						1,7
United States	Dollar				4.648.84				4,6
mas Lewis:	Dollar		85.00				54.25		1
Serbia	Dollar Dollar		161.00				34.23		1
Bulgaria	_ ''		172.50						1
Romania			202.00						2
United States	Dollar				3,273,55				3,27
nael Miller:									
Ethiopia			1,421.00						1,4
Saudi Arabia									
Eritrea					7,418.38				
er Noriega:	Dollar				7,410.30				7,4
Columbia	Dollar		400.00						40
neth Peel:									
China			514.00		332.00				84
Vietnam			1,112.00		176.00				1,28
Thailand			398.00						3
Singapore			204.00		4,800.00				21 4,81
ia Pica:					4,000.00	•••••			7,01
North Korea	Dollar		761.00						76
China	Dollar		508.00						
United States					4,323.00				4,3
abeth Stewart:									
Italy			650.00						65
Serbia			348.00						
United States	Dollar				5,164.98				5,1
nael Westphal:	Dollar		006.00						0.0
ThailandCambodia			996.00 472.00						99
Laos									4
United States					4,857.40				
Italy			650.00		4,037.40				4,0
Serbia			348.00						34
ociula									
United States					5,164.98				5,10

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

AMENDMENT TO 1ST QUARTER 1999 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EM-PLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1, TO MAR. 31,

		Per	diem	Transportation		Miscellaneous		Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Marshall Billingslea:	Dollar		941.00						041.00
Turkey Iraq United States	Dollar Dollar Dollar		250.00		4,553.40				941.00 250.00 4,553.40
Total			1,191.00		4,553.40				5,744.40

IESSE HELMS

Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Oct. 26, 1999.

AMENDMENT TO 2ND QUARTER 1999 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EM-PLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM APRIL 1, TO JUNE 30,

		Per	diem	Transp	ortation	Miscellaneous		Total	
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Alex Albert:									
Ecuador	Dollar		325.00						325.00
Peru	Dollar		103.00						103.00
Curacao	Dollar		250.00						250.00
Kirsten Madison:									
Ecuador	Dollar		325.00						325.00
Peru	Dollar		103.00						103.00
Aruba	Dollar		55.00						55.00
Curacao	Dollar		195.00						195.00
Roger Noriega:									
Spain	Dollar		2,400.00						2,400.00
United States	Dollar				1,323.84				1,323.84
Danielle Pletka:									
United Kingdom			544.00						544.00
United States	Dollar				3,243.50				3,243.50
Total			4,300.00		4,567.34				8,867.34

JESSE HELMS, Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Oct. 26, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per o	liem	Transpo	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Arlen Specter:									
United States	Dollar		197.03		5,174.96				5,371.99
England	Dollar		224.80						224.80
Netherlands	Dollar		172.00						172.00
Ukraine	Dollar		488.00						488.00
Israel	Dollar		454.00						454.00
Jordan	Dollar		154.00						154.00
Egypt	Dollar		270.00						270.00
Italy	Lira		587.00						587.00
David J. Urban:									
United States	Dollar				4,477.06				4,477.06
Netherlands	Dollar		214.00						214.00
Ukraine	Dollar		750.00						750.00
Israel	Dollar		825.00						825.00
Jordan	Dollar		236.00						236.00
Egypt	Dollar		444.00						444.00
Italy	Lira		708.00						708.00
David K. Brog:									
United States	Dollar		4,477.06		4,477.06				4,477.06
Netherlands	Dollar		214.00						214.00
Ukraine	Dollar		750.00						750.00
Israel	Dollar		825.00						825.00
Jordan	Dollar		236.00						236.00
Egypt	Dollar		444.00						444.0
Italy	Lira		708.00						708.00
			0.000.00		14 100 00				00 000 0
Total			8,900.83		14,129.08				23,029.9

ARLEN SPECTER, Chairman, Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Oct. 15, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384-22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
C. Nicholas Rostow			1,340.86						1,340.86
Arthur Grant			881.00		5,677.52				6,558.52
George K. Johnson			566.00		5,525.62				6,091.62
James Barnett			566.00		5,609.10				6,175.10
Linda Taylor			1,199.00		6,524.28				7,723.28
Senator Richard Lugar			2,755.00		4,337.28				7,092.28

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD—SENATE

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999—Continued

		Per d	liem	Transpo	ortation	Miscell	aneous	Tota	al
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Kenneth Myers			2,798.00		4,337.28				7,135.25
Senator Richard C. Shelby			4,918.00						4,918.00
C. Nicholas Rostow			1,778.00						1,778.00
Anne Caldwell			4,918.00						4,918.00
William Duhnke			3,140.00						3,140.00
C. Nicholas Rostow			505.00						505.00
Senator Pat Roberts			1,938.00						1,938.00
Peter Dorn			2,941.00		5,134.40				8,076.40
Alan McCurry			2,193.00		2,958.20				5,151.20
James Barnett			974.00		4,792.40				5,766.40
Arthur Grant			1,111.00		4,792.40				5,903.40
Paula DeSutter			2,172.00		5,977.14				8,149.14
Total			36,693.86		55,666.62				92,360.48

ICHARD SHELBY

Chairman, Select Committee on Intelligence, Oct. 20, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
		Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
James Gwartney: United States	Dollar		916.99		471.12		408.29		1,796.40
Total			916.99		471.12		408.29		1,796.40

CONNIE MACK,

Chairman, Joint Economic Committee, Oct. 14, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY MAJORITY LEADER FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

		Per o	diem	Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency						
Mitch Kugler:									
Russia	Dollar		1,150.00		5,319.02				6,469.02
Dennis McDowell: Russia	Dollar		1,150.00		5,319.02				6,469.02
Dennis Ward: Russia	Dollar		1,150.00		5,319.02				6,469.02
Total			3,450.00		15,957.06				19,407.06

TRENT LOTT, Majority Leader, Oct. 14, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EXPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER FROM JULY 1, TO SEPT. 30, 1999

Name and country		Per	Per diem		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency							
Eric Shuffler:										
United States	Dollar				4,491.40				4,491.40	
North Korea	Dollar		508.00						508.00	
China	Yuan	6,376.17	771.00					6,376.17	771.00	
Senator Patty Murray:										
Poland			952.00						952.00	
Hungary			225.00						225.00	
Czech Republic	Dollar		464.00						464.00	
United States	Dollar				2,326.41				2,326.41	
Carol Cockril:										
Poland	Zloty		952.00						952.00	
Hungary	Forint		225.00						225.00	
Czech Republic	Dollar		464.00						464.00	
United States	Dollar				2,326.41				2,326.41	
Ben McMakin:										
Poland	Zloty		952.00						952.00	
Hungary			225.00						225.00	
Czech Republic	Dollar		464.00						464.00	
United States	Dollar				2,019.41				2,019.41	
Total			6,202.00		11,163.63				17,365.63	

TOM DASCHLE,

Democratic Leader, Sept. 30, 1999.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FOREIGN CURRENCIES AND APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95–384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), FOR TRAVEL AUTHORIZED BY DEMOCRATIC LEADER FROM AUG. 13, TO AUG. 15, 1999

		Per		Transportation		Miscellaneous		Total	
Name and country	Name of currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Foreign currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Tom Daschle:									
Cuba	Dollar		500.00						500.00
Senator Byron Dorgan: Cuba	Dollar		500.00						500.00
Bradley Van Dam: Cuba Howard Walgren:	Dollar		285.00						285.00
Cuba	Dollar		300.00						300.00
Cuba	Dollar		278.00						278.00
Delegation expenses: Cuba	Dollar						1,560.58		1,560.58
Total			1,863.00				1,560.58		3,423.58

¹ Delegation expenses include direct payments and reimbursements to the Department of State and to the Department of Defense under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95—384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

TOM DASCHLE, Democratic Leader, Sept. 15, 1999.

HEALTHCARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY ACT OF 1999

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the HELP Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. 580, and the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows: A bill (S. 580) to amend title IX of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the Agency for Healthcare Policy and Research.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 2506

(Purpose: To provide for a complete substitute)

Mr. GRAMM. Mr. President, there is a substitute amendment at the desk submitted by Senators Frist, Jef-FORDS, and Kennedy. I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows: The Senator from Texas [Mr. Gramm], for Mr. Frist, for himself, Mr. Jeffords, and Mr. Kennedy, proposes an amendment numbered 2506.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

ments Submitted.'')
Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, ten years ago, Congress created the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research to help us deal more effectively with critical national priorities in health care and research. I introduced the legislation with Senator HATCH, and it passed as part of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1989. It was based on a precursor organization—the National Center for Health Services Researchthat was created by President Lyndon Johnson. The Agency's focus is primarily on health services research and other cutting edge methods to improve clinical practice. In its first decade, the Agency has proven its worth time and again by providing valuable information to Congress, health professionals, patients, businesses, and many others.

This reauthorization begins a new chapter for the Agency. New responsibilities come with its new name, the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. While the Agency's intramural and extramural research will remain focused on general outcomes research and assessments of the how well the nation is doing with respect to coverage and provision of health care, there will also be increased activity on research to monitor and improve the quality of care.

The Agency will serve an increasingly important role in the nation's effort to measure and improve the quality of health care, and to expand access to health insurance and health care. Research supported by the Agency provides critical information about the use, cost and quality of health services. As the health care market evolves, these data are necessary for informed decisions to help patients, providers, employers, government administrators, and policymakers. While the Agency is not directly involved in making policy, its research and expertise provide informed guidance to those who are. This legislation will help the Agency maintain and expand its efforts to encourpublic-private partnerships age every level of the health care system.

The American people deserve to know that their hard-earned dollars are buying high-quality care. They want to know, as they are voluntarily or involuntarily enrolled in managed care plans, that the quality of care they receive is improving, not declining. Employers deserve to know that their investments in health benefits lead to healthier employees. As a result of the Agency's work, more and more Americans will be able to make the right decisions about their health care.

The Agency also provides an important link between advances in medical research and technology, and adoption of these practices by the public and private sectors. The research conducted and supported by the Agency helps

identify erroneous denials of treatment, and informs the nation about treatments that are the most effective or have the highest quality. While the Agency is not in the business of developing or promoting practice guidelines, its recommendations and research findings lead to significant savings for patients, providers, health plans, and taxpayers, while simultaneously improving the quality of care.

For example, if the Agency's recommendations were applied to even 20 percent of patients, the nation could save hundreds of millions of dollars annually—ranging from \$8.5 million for enhanced prenatal care for diabetic women to \$130 million for therapies that prevent stroke. We should do all we can to see that decision-making on health care is guided by the best available scientific information. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality will to help us achieve that goal.

The reauthorization of the Agency also provides an opportunity to expand research on health care for those with special needs. Our success in treating these patients is an important measure of the overall effectiveness of the nation's health care system. More needs to be done to evaluate how well our system treats those who need the most, and often the most complex, services. Persons with disabilities are often underrepresented in health services research. Assessing how well our fragmented system cares for a person with mental retardation or spina bifida or parapalegia or a person nearing the end-of-life will enable us to assess where better care can lead to both a higher quality of life and significant savings.

Reliable information about medical technology is an essential component of providing high quality health care to all Americans at a reasonable cost. It is especially important for Congress to be able to compare and understand the effectiveness of different technologies. For this reason, I was a strong supporter of the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment, which evaluated technologies in a wide range of